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Palmdale Man Charged with Stabbing Girlfriend to Death

A Palmdale man has been charged with murder for the death of his 49-year-old girlfriend, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Jose Martinez (dob 12/19/77) is charged with one count of murder with the allegation that he used a knife.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department AO1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Felony complaint MAO64358 alleges that Martinez has prior felony convictions for two separate counts of assault with a deadly weapon and one count of robbery in 2001 and extortion in 2010.

On Sept. 20, Magda Bermudez was found dead inside her bedroom by her mother. Martinez allegedly stabbed her numerous times and then left the house with the victim's vehicle.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of life in state prison.

Bail has been set at more than \$2 million.

Deputy District Attorney Theodore Swanson is the assigned prosecutor.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Palmdale Station.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.